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nected to receive signals from the RF portion, and an audio portion connected to the digital portion; and

an amplitude controllable noise generator having a control signal input coupled to the RF portion and a signal output coupled to the digital portion, to provide background noise indicative of the operation of the receiver, the noise generator having the control signal input coupled to the RF portion to control the amplitude of the background noise in accordance with received signals.

5. In a digital communication system, apparatus for providing operation indicative background noise as claimed in claim 4 wherein the digital portion of the digital receiver includes a DSP and the DSP includes the amplitude controllable noise generator.

6. In a digital communication system, apparatus for providing operation indicative background noise as claimed in claim 4 wherein the amplitude controllable noise generator generates a background noise signal in response to a control signal from the RF portion of the receiver with an amplitude that is related to the amplitude of the received signal with the maximum amplitude

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occurring when the amplitude of the received signal is approximately zero.

7. A method of improving operator ambience in a digital receiver comprising the steps of providing a digital receiver including an RF portion, a digital portion and an audio portion coupled together to receive transmitted signals and produce an audio output in response thereto, generating a background noise signal and supplying the generated background noise signal to the digital receiver to produce background noise in the audio output.

8. A method as claimed in claim 7 wherein the step of generating a background noise signal includes the steps of sensing the amplitude of a received RF signal and generating a background noise signal with an amplitude that is related to the amplitude of the received signal with the maximum amplitude occurring when the amplitude of the received RF signal is approximately zero.

9. A method as claimed in claim 8 wherein the step of supplying a digital receiver includes the step of supplying a digital receiver with an antenna coupled to the RF portion, the antenna supplying input RF signals with an increased amplitude as the antenna is generally oriented in a direction of increased signal strength from a transmitting source of the RF signals.

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